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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
DONALD R. RICCI ET AL.)
Appln. No.: 09/744,916)
Filed: June 27, 2001)
For: SMALL VESSEL EXPANDABLE)
STENT AND METHOD FOR)
PRODUCTION OF SAME)
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PETITION UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a)

Sir:

Applicants petition the Commissioner of Patents to extend the time for response to the Office Action dated May 8, 2003 for three (3) months from August 8, 2003 to November 10, 2003.

Please charge Deposit Account No. 50-1710 \$950.00 to cover the fee for the extension under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17. Any deficiency in or overpayment of this fee should be charged or credited to Deposit Account No. 50-1710. A duplicate copy of this petition is enclosed.

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Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington, D.C. office by telephone at (202) 625-3507. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address given below.

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